



City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

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TITLE

Item 12: Two Additional "Opt-In" Owners of Properties for April 22, 2024 Council Action on Nominations to Local Historic Resources Inventory (HRI)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council place two additional properties on the local HRI on April 22, as owners reached out after the packet publication date but prior to the April 22 meeting with 'opt in' confirmations for listing on the HRI.

BACKGROUND

After the publication of the Council packet for April 22, two property owners responded to staff's certified letters requesting to 'opt in' to the inventory placement on April 22nd. These owners were previously told if they did not object to listing on the inventory, their properties would be forwarded to the City Council. The week prior to the packet, staff pivoted to the 'opt in' approach. Staff had limited success researching owner information beyond what the County records showed for each property.

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

- **825 Kipling Street¹**, is recommended for placement on the HRI as a Category 2 resource, under local Criteria 2 and 6. Built in 1898, it is significant as one of the most elaborate early square cottages in Palo Alto that uses Queen Anne style detailing and is reminiscent of several typical pattern book designs of the late nineteenth century that used the diagonal projecting wing plan. The building illustrates the familiarity of local builders with the popular pattern book designs of the day.

¹ Link to nomination form and evaluation: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/v/1/planning-amp-development-services/historic-preservation/historic-inventory/kiplingst_825.pdf

- **211 Quarry Road²** is recommended for placement on the HRI as a Category 1 resource, under local Criteria 1, 2, and 5. Built in 1931, it is significant as a late and rare surviving example of a hospital based on the pavilion plan and was designed in the Art Deco style by the important Oakland firm of Reed and Corbett. It is also significant as an example of one of several Palo Alto municipal hospitals. Note, this is one of the few properties with significance at the national level given its Art Deco pavilion plan design. Due to this stylistic importance, it has been assigned a Category 1 rating for the Palo Alto Historic Inventory.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

This action has no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Revised Record of Land Use Action to include these two additional properties

APPROVED BY:

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² Link to nomination form and evaluation: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/v/1/planning-amp-development-services/historic-preservation/historic-inventory/quarryrd_211.pdf